

CHAPTER
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SECTION 2

READING COMPREHENSION

Elections

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1. What aspects of elections are set by federal law? By State law?

2. Name four provisions of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

3. What is the purpose of the “Tuesday-after-the-first-Monday” formula?

4. What is absentee voting, and what was its original purpose?

5. How has the use of absentee voting been expanded?

6. What is the coattail effect?

7. What is the smallest geographic unit for the conduct of elections?

8. What is the name for the place where voters actually vote?

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9. Describe the role played by each of the following in elections:
- county clerk or county board of elections _____

 - precinct election board _____

 - poll watchers _____

10. Briefly explain how votes were cast before the Australian Ballot.
- _____
- _____
11. What are the four essential features of the Australian Ballot?
- _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
12. What is the purpose of sample ballots?
- _____
13. Explain the relationship between the “bed-sheet” ballot and “ballot fatigue.”
- _____
- _____
14. Complete the chart below to compare the advantages and disadvantages of different types of voting machines.
- | Type of machine | Advantages | Disadvantages |
|------------------|------------|---------------|
| Lever-operated | | |
| Punch-card | | |
| Optical-scanning | | |
| DREs | | |
15. Name at least one benefit and one drawback of each of the following:
- voting by mail _____

 - online voting _____
